

## **Community Fairs - Requirements**

### **RCW 15.76.100**

#### **Declaration of public interest -- Allocation of state funds authorized.**

It is hereby declared that it is in the public interest to hold agricultural fairs, including the exhibition of livestock and agricultural produce of all kinds, as well as related arts and manufactures; including products of the farm home and educational contest, displays and demonstrations designed to train youth and to promote the welfare of farm people and rural living. Fairs qualifying hereunder shall be eligible for allocations from the state fair fund as provided in this chapter.

[1961 c 61 § 1.]

### **RCW 15.76.120**

#### **Categories of fairs -- Jurisdiction and organization.**

For the purposes of this chapter all agricultural fairs in the state which may become eligible for state allocations shall be divided into categories, to wit:

(1) "Area fairs".....

(2) "County and district fairs".....

**(3) "Community fairs"—organized primarily to serve a smaller area than an area or county fair, which may have open or junior classes, displays, or exhibits. There may be more than one community fair in a county.**

(4) "Youth shows and fairs".....

[1993 c 163 § 1; 1991 c 238 § 74; 1961 c 61 § 3.]

### **RCW 15.76.130**

#### **Application for state allocation -- Purposes -- Form.**

For the purpose of encouraging agricultural fairs and training rural youth, the board of trustees of any fair or youth show may apply to the director of agriculture for state allocations as hereinafter set forth. Such application shall be in such form as the director may prescribe. [1961 c 61 § 4.]

### **RCW 15.76.140**

#### **Eligibility requirements for state allocation.**

(1) Before any agricultural fair may become eligible for state allocations it must have conducted two successful consecutive annual fairs immediately preceding application for such allocations, and have its application therefor approved by the director.

(2) .....an area fair.

[2001 c 157 § 1; 1995 c 374 § 71; 1965 ex.s. c 32 § 1; 1961 c 61 § 5.]

## **RCW 15.76.150**

### **Allocations from the fair fund -- Considerations.**

The director shall have the authority to make allocations from the state fair fund, including interest income under RCW [43.79A.040](#), exclusively as follows: **Eighty-five percent to participating agricultural fairs, distributed according to the merit of such fairs measured by a merit rating to be set up by the director. This merit rating shall take into account such factors as area and population served, open and/or youth participation, attendance, gate receipts, number and type of exhibits, premiums and prizes paid, community support, evidence of successful achievement of the aims and purposes of the fair, extent of improvements made to grounds and facilities from year to year, and overall condition and appearance of grounds and facilities.** The remaining fifteen percent of money in the state fair fund may be used for special assistance to any participating fair or fairs and for administrative expenses incurred in the administration of this chapter only, including expenses incurred by the fair commission as may be approved by the director: PROVIDED, That not more than five percent of the state fair fund may be used for such expenses.

The division and payment of funds authorized in this section shall occur at such times as the director may prescribe.

[2002 c 313 § 113; 1965 ex.s. c 32 § 2; 1961 c 61 § 6.]

## **RCW 15.76.160**

### **Purposes for which allocation made -- To whom made -- List of premiums to be submitted as part of application, form.**

**Any state allocations made under this chapter to fairs or youth shows, other than fairs or youth shows operated by or for and under the control of one or more counties or other agencies, as defined in subsection (4) of RCW [15.76.120](#), shall be made only as a reimbursement in whole or in part for the payment of premiums and prizes awarded to participants in such fairs or youth shows.**

State allocations to fairs under the control of one or more counties shall be made to the county treasurer of the county in which the fair is held. State allocations to other publicly sponsored fairs or youth shows shall be made to such sponsor. The board of trustees of any private fair or youth show, as part of its application for any allocation under this chapter, and as a condition of such allocation, shall submit to the director a list of premiums and prizes awarded to participants in its last preceding fair or youth show. Such list shall contain the names of all premium and prize winners, a description of each prize or premium, including its amount or value, and the total values of all such awards. The list shall be in such form and contain such further information as the director may require, and shall be verified as to its accuracy by the oath of the president of the fair or youth show, together with that of the secretary or manager, subscribed thereon.

[1961 c 61 § 7.]

**WAC 16-700-002 Definition.** Agricultural fair: A fair or exhibition which is intended to promote agriculture by including a balanced variety of exhibits of livestock and agricultural products, as well as related arts and manufactures; including products of the farm home, and educational contests, displays, and demonstrations designed to train youth and to promote the welfare of farm people and rural living.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter [15.76](#) RCW. 80-01-019 (Order 1662), § 16-700-002, filed 12/14/79, effective 1/1/81.]

**WAC 16-700-010 Activity reports required.** Any area .....

**Any community fair or youth show must submit to the director annually, on or before December 1, the reports of its activities on forms to be supplied by the director.**

[Statutory Authority: RCW [15.76.180](#), 97-04-078, § 16-700-010, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97; Order 1279, § 16-700-010, filed 11/28/72, effective 1/1/73; Order 847, Regulation 1, effective 6/8/61.]

**WAC 16-700-021 Qualifications.**

(1) Any **community fair** applying for an allocation from the state fair fund shall have on display or exhibit at one place, open to the public, for at least a seven-hour period:

(a) Three or more of the following animal categories: Beef, sheep, swine, horses, dairy, goats, llamas, dogs, and poultry and rabbits (poultry and rabbits being in one category) with at least five exhibits in each category, except poultry and rabbits and dogs which shall have ten; and

(b) At least three of the following categories: Foods, clothing, horticulture, crops, floriculture, arts and crafts, with at least five exhibits in each category.

(c) Each category, to qualify as per above, shall have at least three exhibitors.

(d) Each fair shall have at least twenty-five exhibitors in total.

(2) Such **community fair**, whose application is accepted by the director, shall be entitled to an annual allocation of up to fifty percent of the premiums and prizes paid to the participants. An allocation of up to one hundred percent reimbursement of premiums and prizes paid may be made on a merit basis to such fairs as reporting one thousand dollars or more of the value of such premiums and prizes: Provided, That any community fair that has for its purpose the education and training of youth in the matters of rural living and production agriculture and serving the 4-H and FFA members and all interested youth in its community, may qualify for an allocation with:

(a) Three or more of the following categories: Beef, sheep, swine, dairy, horses, llamas or goats; or

(b) At least two of the following categories: Beef, sheep, swine, dairy, llamas and/or goats, and at least two of the following categories: Foods, clothing, horticulture, crops, floriculture, arts and crafts, dogs, poultry and/or rabbits

(poultry and/or rabbits being one category).

(c) Each category, to qualify as per above, shall have at least three exhibitors.

(d) Each fair shall have at least twenty-five exhibitors in total.

(e) All such exhibits are to be exhibited by youth exhibitors, at one place, open to the public, for at least a seven-hour period. Such fair shall be entitled to a maximum annual allocation of up to fifty percent reimbursement of premiums and prizes.

(3) Any area fair may not receive an allocation in excess of the total reimbursement of premiums and prizes.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [15.76.180](#), 97-12-028, § 16-700-021, filed 5/30/97, effective 6/30/97; 97-04-078, § 16-700-021, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97. Statutory Authority: Chapter [15.76](#) RCW, 80-01-019 (Order 1662), § 16-700-021, filed 12/14/79, effective 1/1/81.]

**WAC 16-700-022 Requirements.** All agricultural fairs shall:

(1) Have a written statement of aims and purposes made public.

(2) Provide special activities for youth development, such as judging contests, educational demonstrations, and displays designed to train youth.

(3) Hold all activities to be considered as part of the fair on consecutive days:

Provided, That a portion of these activities may be held up to seven days before the first day of the fair.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter [15.76](#) RCW, 80-01-019 (Order 1662), § 16-700-022, filed 12/14/79, effective 1/1/81.]

**WAC 16-700-027 Board of directors.** Area and **community fairs** and youth shows shall have an organized governing board of directors, be nonprofit, and show evidence of community support.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter [15.76](#) RCW, 80-01-019 (Order 1662), § 16-700-027, filed 12/14/79, effective 1/1/81.]

**WAC 16-700-030 Effect of donated labor, materials, and equipment.** For the purpose of matching state fair fund allocations those fairs whose local resources are not sufficient to match dollar for dollar may in preparing their annual reports place a reasonable itemized monetary value upon donated labor, materials and equipment used in the construction, repairing and maintenance of fair grounds, buildings and facilities.

[Order 847, Regulation 3, effective 6/8/61.]

**WAC 16-700-040 Consideration given to community support.** Special consideration may be given to each of the several criteria by which fairs are to receive a merit rating. Special consideration may be given, however, to small and comparatively isolated fairs with limited local resources when such fairs have shown that a maximum community effort has been made in support of these fairs.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [15.76.180](#), 97-04-078, § 16-700-040, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97; Order 847, Regulation 4, effective 6/8/61.]

**WAC 16-700-050 Merit criteria.** The merit of area, district, county and **community fairs** shall be determined on the basis of the following criteria:

- (1) **Aims and purposes:** For what reason or purposes is the show held and what is the evidence of successful achievement of these aims and purposes?
- (2) **Organization and management:** To what extent is the organization, its officers and management, and the physical facilities and financial resources geared to accomplish the objectives stated above?
- (3) **Area served:** What is the extent of the area from which exhibits and exhibitors are drawn and the extent of the area served?
- (4) **General attractiveness:** Are the agricultural, educational, commercial and recreational features wellbalanced, making the fair attractive to the fairgoing public?
- (5) **Exhibits:** What is the number, quality and diversity of exhibits and their general rating judged by recognized standards of excellence, as well as their neatness and orderliness in all departments, in open and junior classes?
- (6) **Community, county or area interest:** How is full participation and support of the area served indicated by (a) attendance, both paid and total, and (b) by active support of service clubs, farm organizations and other groups?
- (7) **Success of the fair:** How successful does the fair appear, measured by its accomplishment in relation to resources available?

[Statutory Authority: RCW [15.76.180](#). 97-04-078, § 16-700-050, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97; Order 847, Regulation 5, effective 6/8/61.]

**WAC 16-700-080 Qualifying premiums and prizes.** Premiums and prizes that qualify for listing for allocation purposes shall be those paid for exhibits and educational contests, displays, and demonstrations of an educational nature. This is not to include judges fees and expenses, livestock sale revenues, prizes or premiums for promotion or entertainment activities such as queen contests, parades, dances, rodeos, and races.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [15.76.180](#). 97-04-078, § 16-700-080, filed 2/5/97, effective 3/8/97; Order 1279, § 16-700-080, filed 11/28/72, effective 1/1/73.]